

ELECTION

The Examiner restricts the pending claims 1-31 into two species:

Group I containing claims 1-13; and

Group II containing claims 14-31.

Applicant elects, with traverse, Group II (claims 14-31).

Applicant traverses the restriction requirement because the Examiner did not identify any genus claims. Applicant asserts that species claims can only exist when a genus claim has been identified. In addition, the Examiner indicated that the unelected set of species claims would be considered once an allowable genus claim has been determined. Absent identification by the Examiner of which claim constitutes a genus claim, the Applicant cannot seek patentability of the unelected species claims.